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PREFACE.

At a meeting of the Joint Library Committee of the Legislature of Virginia, held February 18, 1882, Colonel Sherwin McRae, the Librarian, presented the following report concerning the book now reprinted:

"The volume containing 'The Memorable Actions of Sir Thomas Grantham, Particularly in Virginia,' is for the Library a most fortunate acquisition; throwing much light, as it does, on a part of the history of Virginia on which historians and scholars differ. This merit alone would demand its purchase, but in addition, there is good reason to believe that this copy which the Library possesses is the only one in existence. This fact (if so), independently of the intrinsic worth of the book, greatly increases its money value."

After the reading of the above, the Committee heard the application of the publisher for the privilege of reprinting, and unanimously passed the following resolution, which limits the edition to one hundred copies; but as the minutes were not written immediately, the Secretary has failed to note that the publisher was allowed discretion in that matter, to the extent necessary to secure himself from loss:

"Leave was granted Mr. Carlton McCarthy to take from the Library the rare book entitled 'The Memorable Actions of Sir Thomas Grantham, 1716,' and to print therefrom one hundred copies, upon condition that he return the book in good order, and give the Library ten of the copies so printed."

True copy from Journal of Joint Library Committee, February 18, 1882.

SHERWIN MCRAE,
Assistant and Acting Librarian.

INTRODUCTION.

The original of the little tract, which is herewith for the first time reprinted, is in the Library of the State of Virginia, for which it was recently purchased in the city of New York. Upon the tract the critical bibliographer Sabin thus comments: "A very rare piece. I have only seen one copy." (Dictionary of Books relating to America, No. 28,323.) It is the judgment of Colonel Sherwin McRae, the State Librarian, who has given the matter careful investigation, that the copy in his custody and that noted by Sabin are one and the same, and that it is in all probability the only copy in America. The tract is mentioned by Lowndes (Manual of Bibliography), who ascribes to the same anthor, also, "The Prisoner against the Prelate, or a Dialogue between the Common Gaol and the Cathedral of London, 1650.

Allibone (Dictionary of Authors) gives the following only as the productions of Sir Thomas Grantham: "The Prisoner against the Prelate, 1650; Christianismus and Primivitus, 1678, folio; other theological works, 1644—80." The present tract, aside from its rarety, is of interest and value in the novel details which it furnishes of one of the most memorable episodes in the early history of Virginia—that popular uprising known as Bacon's Rebellion.

The leader in this movement was Nathaniel Bacon, Jr., a member of the distinguished English family of the name, and whose life gave no uncertain assurance of his noble heritage.

Scarcely thirty years of age, possessed of ample fortune, learned, eloquent, invested with the honorable station of Councillor, popular with all classes, a happy husband and father, his patriotism and philanthropy cannot justly be questioned. He had all to lose and nothing to gain by opposing the existing authorities. His oratorical powers are strikingly evidenced in the lofty declaration quoted in the tract (pp. 12, 13), which is a noble vindication, as well, of the purity of his motives.

Virginia groaned beneath the accumulated oppressions of Charles the Second and his insatiate minions. The profligate monarch found a fitting viceroy in the choleric and uncompromising Berkeley, who gives infamous testimony to his own character in his memorable reply to an inquiry of the English Council: "I thank God there are no free-schools, nor printing, and I hope we shall not have these three hundred years; for learning has brought disobedience into the world, and printing has divulged them and libels against the best government. God keep us from both!"*

To the intolerable grievances of the Colonists, was added another, imminently vital, in their defenceless surrender by the Governor to Indian massacre. Denied protection by him, they had no recourse but in revolt. They found a leader in Bacon, who had an immediate stimulant in the murder by the savages of his overseer and a favorite servant, at his plantation near Richmond, on the stream still known as Bacon Quarter Branch.

^{*} Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. ii, p. 511.

Bacon, having subdued the savages and convoked an Assembly (which by enactment reformed many abuses), suddenly died from disease occasioned by exposure—supreme in the affections of the people, and in the plenitude of his power.

With the death of their gifted and heroic leader, and the threatened approach of a force sent from England for their reduction, the rebellion subsided and the insurgents dispersed, to be hunted down and relentlessly punished by the vindictive Berkeley. The prisons were filled with the unfortunate patriots, their estates were confiscated, and twenty-three were executed. The virulence of Berkeley seemed to gather strength with each execution, and it was urged of him that he "would have hanged half the country if they had let him alone."* At last, the Assembly interposed to arrest his blood-thirsty vengeance, at the extent of which, even his selfish and hypocritical master, Charles the Second, was horror-stricken, and was heard to say "that old fool had hanged more men in that naked country than he had done for the murder of his father."†

For details of Bacon's Rebellion, the reader is referred to the following original narratives in Force's Tracts, vol. i:

The Beginning, Progress, and Conclusion of Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia in the year 1675 and 1676. Washington: Printed by Peter Force. 1835. Pp. 26.

An Account of Our Late Troubles in Virginia, written in 1676, by Mrs. An. Cotton, of Q. Creeke. Published from the original manuscript, in the Richmond (Va.) Enquirer, of 12 September, 1804. Washington: Printed by Peter Force. 1835. Pp. 12.

^{*}T. M.'s Account in Force's Tracts, vol. i, p. 24; Burke, vol. ii, p. 208. † Ibid.

A List of those that have been Executed for the Late Rebellion in Virginia, by Sir William Berkeley, Governor of the Colony. Copied from the original manuscript (Harleian collection, codex 6845, page 54) in the library of the British Museum, London, by Robert Greenhow, Esq., of Virginia. Washington: Printed by Peter Force. 1835. Pp. 4.

A Narrative of the Indian and Civil Wars in Virginia, in years 1675 and 1676. Published from the original manuscript in the first volume (second series) of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Boston: Printed by John Elliott, No. 5 Court street. 1814. Pp. 48. (This manuscript is now in the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society.)

See also Hening's Statutes, vol. ii; Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, vol. ix, 4th series (Aspinwall Papers), pp. 162–187; Bancroft's History of the United States; and the several histories of Virginia.

There are also in the State Library of Virginia, copious extracts from the Public Record Office of Great Britain, relating to the period, furnished by W. Noël Sainsbury, Esq.

R. A. BROCK.

RICHMOND, March 7, 1882.

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S the Dictates of Nature are of Force fufficient for fecuring the Safety of Particular Beings, and available enough, without the Affiftance of any other Mo-

without the Affiftance of any other Motives, for Self-Defence and Prefervation: So the Ties we are under, from the Relation which we bear to Communities, and as we all are link'd together in Society, engage our Care for their Defence, and our Concern for their Welfare. Both the Country where we Live, and the Prince that does Protect us, claim from us a particular Regard for their Interest A 2

and Happiness; which if we neglect, as far as we are able, to promote; we necessarily fall short of our Duty, and those Civil Obligations, to which the Laws of Obedience and Loyalty, and

of Society engage us.

Upon which Account it was, that I here have undertaken to publish some of those Transactions, which a long Time have lain dormant; and which could not eafily be kept filent, without a shameful Neglect, both of the Favours Sir Thomas Grantham receiv'd from the Bounty of his Sovereign, for the Service perform'd in his Plantation of Virginia; and also of the Generous Returns made to him by the Honourable Company of Merchants Trading to the East-Indies, for his Conduct and Success in Reducing of Bombay. For the the private Satisfaction that flows from every worthy Deed, is a Recompence endearing to each Brave and Honest Mind; yet the Benevolence they showed to these Publick Undertakings, was an additional Reward to the unfeen inward Delight, and made the Actions pregnant with a Treble Happiness of Pleasure, and of Profit and Renown; as will appear by the following History and Account.

In the Year, therefore, 1672, Sir Thomas being bound on a Voyage for Virginia, as Captain of the Ship Edward and Jane, he obtain'd from his Royal Highness the Duke of York, Protection for some of his Men: Of which this is the Copy.

JAMES Duke of York and Alhany, Earl of Ulster, Lord High-Admiral of ENGLAND and IRELAND, Constable of Dover-Castle, Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports, and Governor of Portsmouth, &c.

YOU are not to Impress into His Majefty's Service, any of the Twelve Men
bereunder nam'd belonging to the Ship
Edward and Jane, Burthen about 240
Tons, whereof Thomas Grantham, One
of my Guard, is Commander; which is
bound on a Voyage to Virginia. Given
under my Hand and Seal, on Board
the

the Prince, this 25th of JUNE, 1672.

To all Commanders of His Majesty's Ships, and all Others whom it may concern.

But, after this, having One of his Men imprest by a Fireship, he obtain'd his Release, by an Order from Prince Rupert; which is as follows.

Prince RUPERT, Count Palatine of the Rhine, Duke of Bavaria and Cumberland, Vice-Admiral of England, and Governor of the Royal Castle and Honour of Windsor, &c.

BY Virtue of the Power and Authority to Me given by His Royal Highness the Duke of York, and confirmed by His Majesty, These are to require you forthwith to Discharge George Robins, belonging to the Ship Edward and Jane of London, whereof Thomas Grantham is Commander, bound on a Voyage to Virginia for His Majesty's

jesty's Service; whom you have lately impress'd. Hereof you are not to fail. Given under my Hand and Seal at Whitehall, the 5th Day of August, 1672.

To the Commander of His Majesty's RUPERT. Fire-Ship the Truelove.

Upon this he proceeded, by the Bleffing of God, on his intended Voyage: And having happily arriv'd, after some Time, at Virginia; he address'd himself to the Governor thereof, Sir William Berkley, who receiv'd him with several Marks of Friendship and Esteem; and as a Token of the great Considence he had in his Fidelity and Valour, he appointed him Admiral of a Fleet of Ships, consisting of 25 Sail, for their Sase and Prosperous Conduct Home: His Majesty being then engag'd in a dangerous and bloody War with the States-General of the United Provinces.

In the Time of this Sir William, it was, that Oliver subdued the Colony of Virginia: Tho', to the immortal Honour of the Loyalty of the Place, it was the last of all the King's Dominions, that submitted to the Usurpation, and the first that

that cast it off. For the Governor caus'd the King to be proclaim'd there, before he return'd for *England*. The Commission he gave Sir *Thomas* then, was this: Viz.

By the Governor, and Captain-General of *Virginia*.

Hereas I have receiv'd Command from his most Sacred Majesty, in his Royal Letters dated the 10th of March, in the 24th year of His Majesty's Reign, That during these Times of Danger, occasion'd by this present War with the States-General of the United Provinces, I should not permit any Ships to depart from hence, but on the 24th of March, June, and September; and that during their Stay here, and their Voyage home, I should appoint some of the Ablest Commanders, to Order and Direct the Fleet under their Charge, until such Time as they shall either meet with some of His Majesty's Ships of War in the Soundings, or Shall arrive in Some Port of England, there to expect further Orders. Now, know you all, whom thefe under may concern; that I, Sir William Berkley, Kt. Governor, and Captain-General

ral of Virginia, out of the Confidence I have in the Valour and good Conduct of you, Captain Thomas Grantham, do bereby, according to His Majesty's Commands, and the Power thereof, constitute and appoint you Admiral of the Fleet now to Sail; bereby giving you full Power and Authority, as Admiral, to Command the said Fleet; in His Majesty's Name requiring you to obey ond observe such Orders and Instructions, as I shall give you. And I do bereby straitly command and require all inferior Officers, and Masters of Ships and Vessels now to Sail, to be from time to time obedient to you, as Admiral; and so far as the Wind and Weather will permit them, to observe such Orders, as shall by you and your Inferior Officers be thought fit for your greatest Security, and are according to His Majesty's Commands, and my Instructions, grounded thereon; as you, and they, and every of them, will answer the contrary to His Majesty, and upon the Forfeiture of your several Bonds. Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, this 2d Day of April, 1673.

William Berkley.

Arriving therefore in England in good time, with the Ships under his Care, he embark'd again in the Year 1676, for Virginia, in the Ship Concord, Burthen 500 Tonns, with near 50 Men. The Name of the Ship feem'd to be given providentially, and as an Omen of that peaceable and friendly Settlement, to which the Country was reduc'd by his prevailing Mediation. For Civil Faction and Rebellion was fo far advanc'd when he came there, that a Subversion of the Government was very dangerously threatned, and the Incendiaries were grown to fuch a Pitch of Mutiny and Disturbance, that nothing could either allay, or appeafe them.

Their Reftless Tempers were inflam'd on these Accounts: Viz. The Difturbance of the Indians; the Restraint of their Trade by English Acts of Parliament; the ill Usage the Planters met with in Exchange of their Tobacco for other Commodities; and the Dividing the Colony into Proprieties, contrary to the Original Charters; and the Charges of Relieving themselves from those Grants. Which various Complaints Colonel Nathaniel Bacon observing, he thereupon insti-

infinuated himfelf into the Affections of the Discontented; and sends for a Commiffion to the Governor to head the Men against the Indians. But the Governor refus'd it; and order'd him to be proclaim'd a Rebel, if he refus'd to come to After this, Bacon came with 600 Men arm'd; and the Governor not finding himself powerful enough to resist him, fign'd his Commission; but as soon as he was gone, issued out a Proclamation of Rebellion against him. Whereupon Bacon and his Men, instead of Marching against the Indians, turn'd their Arms against fuch of their own Country as should oppose them. Their Demands were so infulting, and their Pretentions fo exorbitant, that neither Reason could mitigate, nor Authority curb them.

Bacon, therefore, and Lawrence, were the chief Ringleaders of this Tumult and Disturbance; and they, with the rest of their daring Accomplices, forc'd the Governor, and most of the Council and Principal Inhabitants, to sly for Safety to a Place call'd Accomack, on the North Side

of Cape-Henry.

Nathaniel Bacon publish'd Two Declarations; one to the People of Accomack, and the other to those of Virginia; in-B2 citing

citing both of them to an open Insurre-ction.

In the First, He animates the People to a High Resentment of those Grievous Oppressions they lay under from the Government of Sir William Berkley; because he acted beyond his Power and Commission; and that they had been successful in their War against him. In the Second, to the Inhabitants of Virginia, he begins with this High Strain of his Innocence, and the Justice of their Cause.

"If Virtue be a Sin; if Piety be "Guilt; if all the Principles of Morali-"ty, and Goodness, and Justice be per-"verted; we must confess, that those "who are call'd Rebels, may be in Dan-"ger of those high Imputations, those "loud and fevere Bulls, which would af-"fright Innocency, and render the De-"fence of our Brethren, and the Enquiry "into our fad and heavy Oppressions, "Treason. But if there be (as sure there "is) a just God to appeal to; if Religion "and Justice be a Sanctuary here; if "to plead the Cause of the Oppress'd; if "fincerely to aim at the Publick Good, "without any Refervation, or By-Interest; "if to stand in the Gap, after so much "Blood

"Blood of our Dear Brethren bought and "fold; if after the Loss of a great Part of "His Majesty's Colony, deserted and dis-"peopl'd, and freely to part with our "Lives and Estates, to endeavour to save "the Remainder, be Treason; Let God "and the World judge, and the Guilty "die. But fince we cannot find in our "Hearts One fingle Spot of Rebellion and "Treason, or that we have in any man-"ner aim'd at the Subversion of the Set-"tl'd Government, or attempting the "Person of any, either Magistrate, or "Private Man; notwithstanding the se-"veral Reproaches and Threats of fome, "who for finister Ends were disaffected to "Us, and censure our Just and Honest "Defigns .- Let Truth be bold; and "all the World know the Real Foundation "of our Pretended Guilt.

After this, he taxes the Governor, Sir William, with Caballing, and Mysterious Designs; with Promoting the Indians to Employments, the Neglect of Trade, and of the Arts and Sciences. And accuses him for Expending the Publick Treasure upon his Favourites; for Protecting the Indians, who are Enemies to the King and Country, and are Thieves and Robbers,

and have Ammunition and Fire-Arms allow'd them, contrary to Law: And that he himself had monopoliz'd the Beaver Trade, in Opposition to the Settlement.

And then concludes, That he, and his Adherents, unanimously desire to present their sad and heavy Grievances to His most Sacred Majesty, and Parliament of England, as their Resuge and Sanctuary; where they know, that all their Causes will be impartially heard, and equal Justice administred to all People.

And whereas the Rebels continu'd their Trade in Tobacco, notwithstanding the Laws of the Colony to the contrary, and the Governor's Publick Prohibitions; the said Governor therefore order'd this Proclamation following to be publish'd.

By the Governor, and Captain-General of *Virginia*.

Hereas I have heretofore isfu'd forth, and publish'd several Proclamations, thereby strictly forbidding all Persons what-soever, as well Masters of Ships, Mariners, Merchants, as Factors residing in this

this Countrey, and such as come this Year into this Countrey, as Others, from all manner of Trading, or Dealing in any fort with those in Rebellion; which Proclamations and Prohibitions have not hitherto been directly observed: But that on the contrary, several Persons have dispos'd of Goods on Shore, purchas'd Tobacco to considerable Quantities, and procur'd several Hog sheads of Tobacco to be put on Board several Ships; whereby the Rebels are encourag'd, and enabl'd to perfist and conti-nue in Rebellion against his Loyal and Liege People, greatly prejudic'd and difbearten'd in their Estates and Loyalty; for that those in Rebellion and Wavering from their Allegiance, have by that means the sole Opportunty of Serving themselves in the Disposal and Securing their Tobacco, and Furnishing themselves with Goods and Necessaries; whilst those truly Loyal are forc'd from their Houses and Plantations, and their Estates seized, robb'd, and taken away. All which such Trading, Dealing, or Handling, is directly prejudicial to the King's most Sacred Majesty's Country, and is in it self Rebellious and Traiterous.

I do therefore this once more, by this my Proclamation, not only reinforce my former Proclamations, probibiting all such Trade; but again strictly forbid all Persons whatfoever, from any fuch Trading or Dealing what soever, with any Persons on the Western Shore in Virginia, and also from Receiving any Tobacco on Shore, or Taking any Tobacco what soever on Board any Ship, or other Vessel, in order to be transported out of this Country, during the Continuance of this Rebellion, except by my especial Leave and License in Writing, under my Hand for the same; upon the Pains and Penalties of being deem'd, held and esteem'd, as Rebels and Traytors to His most Sacred Majesty; for that the same is of Necessity a Nurfing, Maintaining, and Strengthening the Rebellion on foot. Given under my Hand in York River, this 25th Day of December 1676. and in the 28th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the IId. whom God preferve.

WILLIAM BERKLEY.

To all Magistrates and Officers Civil and Military, and all other His Majesty's Liege People; who are strictly Commanded to Publish the same by this Original, or a true Copy thereof.

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This the Governor thought necessary for Reducing the Rebels to some Exigences and Straits, and thereby to hearken more easily to Terms of Peace and Accommodation.

In the Time of the Rebellion, Sir Thomas receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Richard Lawrence, One of the Rebels, to this Effect. 'That the Good Subjects of Virgi-' nia (as he call'd them; tho' then they ' were in open Rebellion) were grievously ' oppress'd, and had taken up Arms for ' their own Defence, and that of His Ma-' jefty's Plantation. And defir'd, that he ' would not condemn them as guilty of ' the horrid Crimes of Treason and Rebel-' lion, which they from their very Souls ' abhorr'd more than their Enemies. He urg'd to him likewise, 'That the Gover-' nor's Commission was expir'd, and void-'ed by his own Act: And that if He, ' and the rest of the Commanders of ' Ships, would not stand Neuter, they ' would burn all the Tobacco, as they ' had formerly done: And that the Burn-' ing of the present Crop, would heighten ' the Value of the next.

To this Letter, he immediately return'd this Answer. 'That nothing but a speedy Repentance could free him, and his Friends, and the Country from inevitable Ruin: Which the Governor was very willing to prevent, by extending to them his Mercy, as far as it was confistent with his Honour and Safety. that his Commission was so far from being expir'd, that the King was Extending his Power, and Sending him more large That as for himself, and Instructions. the rest of the Commanders, they durst not disobey the Governor's Commands, left they should incur the high Displeafure of his Majesty at their Return; who would also doubtless be very much incens'd at the Loss of his Customs, by their Impoverishing the Country; and the Merchants also, by the Loss of their Trade, would unanimously follicit the Punishment of all those, who were the turbulent Promoters of it. And at last fubscrib'd himself,

Your very Loving Friend,

(As far as my Allegiance to my King, and my Duty to my Governor will permit,)

THO. GRANTHAM.

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And therefore, as he was not unmindful of his Duty to his Prince, so neither was he forgetful of that Kindness which he ow'd his Fellow-Subjects: And therefore employ'd his most fedulous Care and Interest, to promote that Tranquility and Good Understanding betwixt the Governor and the Rebels, that the Country, and its Inhabitants, might not be brought to utter Misery and Desolation. Nor could he think of any Method more conducive towards the Accomplishing this Good Defign, than to perswade the Governor to Meekness, and the People to Submission. For, as an unrelenting Temper in Sir William, would be apt to harden them in their Obstinacy, and render them desperate, while they thought their Crimes unpardonable; fo their Inclination of Hearkning to any Amicable Propofals, would be apt to soften the Governor into Kindness, and affwage his Anger and Refentment. And therefore, he perswaded them not to be led away by Evil Counfellors, nor to run the Hazard of Destroying both their Souls, and Bodies, and Estates; which are the common and most dire Effects of Sedition and Rebellion.

For, after his Arrival in York-River, he immediately went to Portopatank, where he heard the Rebels were affembled; and near Mr. Pate's House he met with the principal Ringleaders, to whom he address'd himself to this Effect. 'Gentlemen, are you going to your Ruin 'headlong? Are you quite bereft of all 'Sense of Duty, and Self-Preservation? ' Have neither the Staple Laws of Na-'ture, nor those Fundamental Rules of 'your Country, any Influence upon you; 'that your Obstinacy thus blinds you? ' Have you not yet heard what numerous ' Forces are coming from England, to sup-' press your tumultuous Proceedings? And 'that without an immediate Submission, 'your Fate will be inevitable, and your 'Safety entirely shipwreck'd? Hearken 'therefore to the Tenders of Peace, be-' fore it is too late: Confult, like Men of 'Senfe, your own Felicity; and quietly ' lay down your Arms; left by perfifting ' in this open Hostility, you force them at 'last to be sheath'd in your own Bowels.

And by the Bleffing of God upon this Advice, which was attended with some severe Threats, the Civil Breach was clos'd between them, and the Animofities at last

expir'd.

About this Time, he receiv'd a kind and fenfible Letter from Mr. Milner; which, because it is not long, shall be transcrib'd.

SIR, VOU have undertaken a Work, that will Speak your everlasting Fame and Glory; the Consolidating our sad Differences, Preventing the Sword and Famine, with other Horrors, that, gaping, were ready to swallow up this miserable Country. The Service you will do herein to the Almighty, to our Dread Sovereign, the Governor, and the Country, will make you honourably Spoken of throughout the World. I have only to add, that since now, as I hope, it will appear by the whole Series of my Actions, my Life and Fortune are both Shipp'd off with the Governor and his Friends; if therefore I may be thought worthy to advise, I shall leave to your serious Consideration; That, if you think good, the Honourable Governor be perswaded to proceed by the Same Method His Majesty did at his Restoration, by a Declaration from Bredagh. Such a one here from his Honour, would abunabundantly settle the Minds of Hundreds, that are at present amus'd, and at a full Stand. All I add is, That Mercy and Indemnity were ever yet a greater Friend to Peace, than Severity, tho' Justice were on the same Side. I beseech you to dispatch the Bearer back, lest I am forc'd to come single, and then render my self incapable of doing that Service to the Honourable Governor, which is design'd by

Your Faithful Servant,

Jan. 6. 1676.

Geo. Milner.

The Governor was pleas'd to manage his Proceedings, according to the Rules of this Advice. And therefore, tho' fome of those who animated the Faction were put to Death; and *Bacon* died of the Lousy Evil; yet others, who submitted themselves, were receiv'd into Favour and Protection. And to these the following Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity was administred by Sir *Thomas*.

'I A. B. do willingly and heartily de-' clare, that I know, and in my Confci-'ence believe, Richard Lawrence, and ' many others with him, to be in open Re-'bellion against the King's most Sacred ' Majesty, and against the Right Honou-' rable the Governor of Virginia, and the ' good establish'd Laws and Peace of this 'Colony of Virginia. Which Rebellion 'I do from my Heart abhor and detest, ' and do therefore most willingly, freely, ' and from my Heart fwear my full Alle-' giance to the King's most Excellent Ma-'jesty; and that I will with my Life, and 'whole Estate, serve and obey the Right ' Honourable the Governor, and obey all ' fuch Magistrates and Officers, as he shall ' from time to time appoint over me; and ' with them, or any of them, use my ut-'most Endeavour to my Life's End, to 'take, feize, kill and deftroy, all fuch ' Persons whatsoever, as either now are, ' or hereafter shall be in such Rebellion as 'is recited. This Oath I do most hearti-'ly, freely, and willingly take, in the ' Presence of Almighty God. So help me God.

When all these Uproars were at an end, and the Government settl'd on its old Basis of Tranquility and Peace, he return'd for England; and acquainted His Majesty with the welcome News of Reducing the Rebels to their Duty, and Fixing the Governor in his Power and Command. All which was perform'd with no less Management, than apparent Hazard of his Life. For which Signal Service, His Majesty was graciously pleas'd to bestow upon him a Noble Gift, as a Token of his Princely Kindness to his Loyalty and Good Offices.

In the Year 1676, he proceeded again on on a Voyage to Virginia, in the same Ship Concord, with about 50 Men, including Paffengers, and only 22 Guns. And failing forward to about 120 Leagues beyond the Land's-End, was attack'd by one Canary, a Spanish Renegado, and Admiral of the King of Algiers, in a New Ship of 48 Guns call'd the New Rose, and having on Board more than 600 Men. From whence afterwards arose the English Proverb of a Canary-Bird, fignifying a Rogue. His Bravery for the Defence of his Ship, was as remarkable, as his Perfidiousness had been to the Christian Faith: And it was his

his Courage and Resolution that gain'd him that High Post in his Earthly Master's Service, whatever Cowardice and Means he had betray'd unto his Hea-

venly.

This Fight happen'd upon Thursday the 25th of October; which was extreme defperate and bloody on both Sides. When they came up with one another, Canary hal'd him; and pretending to be his Friend, told him the Name of his Ship was the Rupert. He answer'd him, He did not believe him. Canary then commanded him to hoist out his Boat, and come on Board: Which he refus'd; and bad him come on Board him; which he told him he would do fpeedily. This being in the Evening, he prepar'd himself for a Fight the next Morning. At which Time hoisting his Top-Sails, he came up to Sir Thomas, on his Larboard-Quarter; and letting fly a Red Swallow-Tail Flag at Main-Top-Mast-Head, he fir'd a Shot at him, and commanded him to strike to the King of Algiers, and Admiral Canary; Which he refusing, he came along his Broad Side, and fir'd his Great Guns at him, with a Volley of Small Shot. He return'd him the like Salute. And this was done twice on both Sides. After this

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he grappl'd with Sir *Thomas* his Mizon-Chains, fir'd his Great Guns, and mann'd his Decks, and put him to a close Fight. But in two Hours time, by God's Assistance, Sir *Thomas* beat him off twice or thrice. He shot down the Mizon-Yard, fir'd the Mizon-Sail, burnt down the Mizon-Mast, and putting all abast on Fire, Sir *Thomas* was forc'd down into the great Cabin, when every Man in that Quarter was either kill'd or wounded, but himself; resolving rather to burn, than to be taken.

From the great Cabin, Sir Thomas made a Sign to those in the Fore-Castle, to Sally out at the same time with him; whereby they kill'd feveral, and forc'd others into the Sea, and aboard their Ship. He then endeavour'd to get away; but having fasten'd his Spritsail Top-Mast to Sir Thomas's Main-Bowling-Bridle, he kept him fast: And as often as he fent up his Men, One by One, to the Boltsprit to get clear, Sir Thomas his Men shot them down; and prevented also his extinguishing his Fore-yard, which hung over Sir Thomas his Ship's Poop, all on Fire. at last his Fore-Sail, Masts and Yards being all in a Light Flame, he was cut loose, and and about Twelve at Noon they parted. Sir *Thomas* stood after him till it was dark, but was not unwilling to lose Sight of him notwithstanding. In this Fight, Sir *Thomas* had 21 Seamen and Passengers kill'd and wounded.

And, after this, making a Safe Voyage Outward, and Home, he related the whole Matter to the King; who, in Confideration of fo Noble an Exploit, rewarded him according to his Royal Bounty, with a very Valuable Gold Chain and Medal. Nor were the Owners of the Ship unmindful of this Proof of his Ability and Conduct; and therefore they agreed to make this following Order.

Mr. Kent,

The Owners of the Ship Concord, do agree, and order you, in Consideration of the extraordinary Managing the Fight against the Turks, this last Voyage by Captain Grantham, to lay out, and buy Plate to the Value of Forty Pounds. Which Plate is to be engraven with Two Turks Heads, and written, The Gift of the said Owners: Which are to be carried in the said Ship,

as long as the Captain goes to Sea. Subfcrib'd by Us this 27th of August, 1679.

For Richard Booth and Self, Samuel Story.

For John Lenton and Self,
Fran. Kempe.
Arthur Bailey.
Matt. Meriton.
George Baker.
Thurst. Withnell.

The Relation of this Engagement was also publish'd in the *Gazette*, Thursday, *December* 5th. 1678.

Nor were these Remarkable Instances of Bounty the sole Reward he receiv'd from His Majesty and the Owners; but the King was likewise pleas'd to appoint him Keeper of his *Busby*-Park. And what was kinder, as a Testimony of his Special Favour, he recommended him by a Special Mandate, under the Signet and Sign Manual, to the Governor and Company of Mer-

Merchants Trading to the East-Indies. It run thus.

CHARLES R.

Rusty, and Well-beloved, we greet you well. Whereas our Trufty and Well-beloved Captain Thomas Grantham has given Eminent Proofs of his absolute Courage and Loyalty upon several Occasions, which deferve to receive all fitting Encouragement: We have thought fit, as a Mark of our Favour to him, bereby to recommend him in a most particular manner to you; that be, and his Ship which he intends to build, may be entertain'd by you, according to your usual Pra-Etice in your Trade to the East-Indies. And fo not doubting of your ready Compliance herein, which we shall take in very good part,

part, We bid you Farewel. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the Third Day of March, 168½. in the Four and Twentieth Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

CONWAY.

After the Ship was built and finish'd, Burthen 816 Ton, and carrying 300 Men, His Majesty, with his Royal Highness the Duke of York, and several of the Principal Nobility, did him the Honour of Coming Aboard on Her at Deptford, and receiv'd from him an Entertainment. And His Majesty having at that time nam'd the Ship Charles the Second, conferr'd upon him the Honour of Knighthood, Feb. 18. 168².

After this he receiv'd his Orders from the East-India Company; which were

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Commission and Instructions, given by the Governor and Company of Merchants of London, Trading to the East-Indies; to Sir Thomas Gratham, Kt. Commander of the Ship Charles the Second.

HE King's most Excellent Majesty having, by his Royal Charter bearing Date the 3d. of April, 1661. in 'the Thirteenth Year of His Majesty's 'Reign, granted unto us the Entire Trade ' of the East-Indies, and declar'd, that the 'Ports, Cities, Towns and Places thereof, 'shall not be traded unto, visited, fre-'quented, or haunted by any other of 'His Majesty's Subjects, without our Li-'cence; upon Pain of Forfeiture of Ship, 'Goods, and Imprisonment during His ' Majesty's Pleasure. And that if we con-'ceive it necessary, we may fend either 'Ships of War, Men, or Ammunition in-'to any of our Factories, or other Places 'of Trade, for the Security and Defence 'of the same: and to chuse Commanders 'and

'and Officers over them; and to give them 'Power and Authority, by Commission 'under our Common Seal, or otherwise; 'To continue, and make Peace, or War, 'with any Prince or People, that are not 'Christians, in any Places of our Trade, 'as shall be most for our Advantage and 'Benefit. And also to Right and Recom-'pence our felves upon the Goods, Estate, 'or People of those Parts, by whom we 'shall fustain any Injury, Loss, or Da-'mage; or upon any other People what-'foever, that shall any way interrupt, 'wrong, or injure us in our faid Trade. 'And that we may feize the Persons of ' fuch English, or others of His Majesty's 'Subjects, in the faid East-Indies, which 'shall Sail in any Indian, or English Vef-'fel, or inhabit in those Parts without 'our Licence, and fend them to Eng-· land.

^{&#}x27;Now We the faid Governor and Com'pany having an undoubted Right by
'ancient Stipulation with the King of
'Persia, that we shall have for ever Half
'the Customs of his Port of Gombroone;
'and that our Agent shall have Session in
'his Divan, or Council; and that an Of'ficer

'ficer of ours shall always be permitted to Sit in his Bundar, or Custom-House, to Collect Half the Customs of his said 'Port of Gombroone. Which Privilege was stipulated, and granted to our Company formerly, in Consideration of the English Blood and Treasure, spent in Assisting his Predecessors, Kings of Persia, in Taking the Island Ormus from the Portugueze, which in those Times definited his Empire of all Trade.

'And whereas the faid King of Persia, or his Ministers, have for many Years last past depriv'd us of our Ancient Privileges before recited, and have put off our Agents with the Payment only of One Thousand Tomands yearly, instead of 40000 Tomands, which our Moiety of the Customs of Gombroone amounts unto: Upon which a Debt of above One Hundred Fifty Thousand Tomands has accru'd to us; which we have often without Effect demanded of Him, the faid King, and his Ministers:

'We do therefore here, by Virtue of the Authority granted unto Us by His Majesty, our Sovereign Lord the King, E 'as

'as aforefaid, empower and authorize you 'to invade, and make War upon the faid 'King of Persia, and his Subjects, by Sea, 'and by Land, as you shall see Cause; 'and to seize and take any of the Ships, 'or Goods, properly belonging to the said 'King of Persia, or any of his Subjects; 'and that you deliver the same to our 'Governor and Council at Bombay, for 'our Use; together with all the Invoices, 'Books, and Bills of Loading, and Papers, you shall find on Board any Ship 'belonging to the said King of Persia, or 'any of his Subjects.

'But you are in no wife to offer any 'Violence to any of the Goods, Persons, 'or Estates of any of the King of Indo'stan's Subjects, or any other Prince or 'State in India, in Amity with His Ma'jesty and Us. And if you shall find 'Goods belonging to the Subjects of the 'King of Persia, on Board any India Ship, 'or Junk, belonging to any King, or 'Prince in Amity with His Majesty, and 'this Company, as aforesaid; you shall 'only take out those Numerical Goods, 'which do belong to the Subjects of the 'King of Persia: And shall also duly pay 'unto

'unto the Captain, or Commander of fuch *Indian* Ship, or Vessel in Amity, 'as aforesaid, the just Freight condition'd to be paid, if those Goods had been duly landed in *Persia*, according to Bills of Loading.

'But because the End of all War is 'Peace, we would have you (after you 'have taken near what you think may 'make us Satisfction) to give Notice to 'the King of Perha's Governor at Gom-'broone, That if he will pay you down 'Fifty Thousand Tomands presently, you 'have Power to discharge the King of 'Persia of all Arrears of Customs due to 'the Company. And that you will deli-'ver all that you have taken, truly and 'faithfully, to the Respective Owners, or 'to the Governor for their Use; the Go-'vernor engaging to you, that for the fu-'ture He, and his Successors, shall duly 'pay the Company Ten Thousand To-'mands yearly, in full of their growing . Custom of Gombroone.

'And you may promife on our Parts, 'that we will fend yearly a Ship of fuch 'Force as yours, or Two of Half the E 2 'Force,

'Force, to Guard and Defend the Persian 'Ports, against the Insolences and As-'fronts of the Portugueze. And what-'soever you shall receive on this Account 'in Money, you are to pay unto our Pre-'stident and Council at Surat, for the Com-'pany's Use.

'Tho' We have begun these Instructions to you, with and concerning your ' Persia Voyage, which was first in our 'Intention; yet our Affairs having much 'alter'd fince that Intent, You are in the 'first place, and with the first fair Wind, 'after your Arrival in the Downs, to Sail 'to our Island St. Helena; and there to 'deliver to our Governor and Council, all 'Soldiers, and other Things shipp'd on 'Board you for that Place: And during 'your Stay there, you are to be Second 'of our Council upon that Island; and, ' fo far as in you lies, to further the Exe-'cution and Performance of all fuch Or-'ders, as we have given our faid Gover-'nor and Council, for the better Govern-'ment and Regulation of our People and 'Interest there.

'Being dispatch'd from thence in as 'short a Time as possibly you can; you 'are immediately to Sail for Pepper-Bay, 'within the Streights of Sanda, near Ban-tam; first Standing into a Small Bay at 'the South Side of the West End of Ja-twa. In one of which Places, you will 'meet with some of our Ships, or Intelligences from them, now bound out for 'Bantam, under the Command of Sir' 'John Wetwang, or of Captain John Ni-tholson; You agreeing in Writing, before you go, by what Signs you may 'know any of our Ships at a Distance, 'belonging to either of those Fleets.

'As foon as you meet with each of our faid Fleets, if Sir John Wetwang be present, you are to Command as Vice-Admiral; if He be absent, as Admiral of our said Fleet; and to follow such Orders, jointly or severally, as we have given to our Agent English, or Council, or shall hereafter give to our Admiral, Sir John Wetwang, and his Council of War.

'After your Dispatch from Bantam, 'you are to proceed upon your first in'tended Persia Voyage, with one of our 'Sloops in your Company; if it shall be 'fo thought convenient at a Council of 'War.

'And in the whole Progress of your 'Voyage, at all Places, you are to put 'those Powers intrusted to Us by His 'Majesty's Charter, recited before in this 'Commission, into effectual Execution, 'with your best Skill and Discretion, against Interlopers, and all others, that 'shall violate His Majesty's Just Autho-

'And whatsoever you shall seize or take by Virtue of this, or any other Com'mission deriv'd from His Majesty, at St.
'Helena, you are to deliver to our Gover'nor and Council there; and in other
'Places, to our Governor and Council at
'Bombay; taking at each Place their re'spective Receipts, for the Particulars of
'what you deliver them; for the Use,
'One Half of His Majesty, the other Half
'for our selves. Except only what you
'shall

's subjects, which only and properly be'long to the Company.

'God fending you to Bombay or Surat, 'after your Perfia Voyage, you are to 'leave all our Soldiers at Bombay, for a 'Supply to our Garison there; and to follow at Surat all such further Orders, as 'you shall receive from our President and 'Council, for your Loading and Voyage 'Home to England, according to your 'Charter-Party. Given under our Common Seal, the Seven and twentieth Day 'of July, Anno Dom. 1683.

Seal'd with the Company's Seal, in the Presence of

E. Portmans. Richard Harris.

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These several Orders, by the Assistance of God, he executed, to the great Satisfaction of the East-India Company; and pursu'd their Instructions relating to Persia to that Advantage, that he procur'd Satisfaction for all the Injuries done the Company from the King of Persia; and receiv'd at Two several Payments from the Agent of that Prince, about Four Hundred Thousand Tomands, for the Company's Use. He renew'd also the Ancient Privileges granted to the Company, with other extraordinary Liberties of Trasfick.

Besides this, he took Possession of Hippons, alias Princes-Isle, in the Name of His Majesty, for the Service of the Company. And when he had taken it, he gave it the Name of Carolus Secundus Isle, and fix'd the King's Standard there. It was inhabited by a People, that depended upon those of Java.

When he had finish'd the Affairs wherein he was engag'd in those Parts, he Sail'd to *Muscat* in *Arabia Felix*; where also he narrowly escap'd with his Life, upon this

this Occasion. In the Evening, coming from that City, and taking his Barge to go on Board his Ship; a Centinel, from the Shore, fir'd a Shot, which pass'd betwixt him and his Coxon. Upon this, he wav'd his Sword in a threatning manner at him. Of which he was altogether regardless, and fir'd again; but the Bullet graz'd upon the Water, and was spent be-fore it reach'd the Boat. The next Morning, he was fully refolv'd upon Receiving fome Satisfaction for the Affront; tho' it was pretended, that the Custom of the Place allow'd no Boat to go off, after such a Time in the Evening. However, this was not fatisfactory to his Refentment; and therefore, he order'd his Surgeon to carry the following Letter to the Governor.

SIR,

'GO on Shore, and pray Mr. Stephens to go with you to the Governor, to interpret to him what is here underwritten.

'Let him know, that I fent you to de-'mand Satisfaction, for the Great Affront 'which was given yesterday in the Even-'ing, to the King my Master, before it 'was dark:

'First, By being fir'd at, when the 'King of *England*'s Flag was flying in 'the Boat; which is a Breach of the 'Peace.

'Next, For wounding One of my 'Men in his Arm; which may endanger his Life; and for being in Danger of my Life my felf.

'And all this was done, without Cal-'ling, or making a Noise; a Thing unu-'sual in any Garrison or Fort in the 'World, and contrary to the Law of 'Arms; and can aim at nothing but pri-'vate Murther.

'I therefore declare, I will never fet my Foot on Shore in Peace, without they fend me on Board the pretended Centinel, to punish according to his Defect.

'fert. Or that the Governor will be 'pleas'd to order him publick Punishment, 'at the Place where the Boat came on 'Shore, and in the Sight of all *Englishmen* here.

'If he refuses, let him know from me, 'that if I meet their whole Fleet at Sea, 'or Part of them, I shall give Satisfaction 'to my felf by them.

'The *Dutch* told me, when they were here, they went and came all Hours of

'the Night, as they pleas'd.

'Let him know, I am an Englishman; 'and value my self in this One Ship, as 'much as if 20 Sail of Dutch were here; 'and expect to receive as much Privilege 'and Kindness. But if they show their 'Kindness to the Dutch for Fear; I expect 'they should do the same to the English 'for Love.

'This is not the First, Second, or Third time they have abus'd the English, who always give Respect to Strangers. I am a Friend, or otherwise, as they please,

THO. GRANTHAM.

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This Message put the Governor into such Confusion, that he immediately summon'd his Council, to advise what Method was most proper for putting a Period to this Disturbance. They resolv'd therefore to come on Board him, and to heal the Disgust that he had taken, by a very significant Piscash, or Present. But besides this, he insisted upon the Liberty to be granted to all the English, of Passing to and fro in their Boats, at what time they pleas'd. And this they submitted to likewise under their Hands and Seals: Which Indulgence he deliver'd aftewards to the English General.

For they knew very well, that his Ship was of that Force, that she was able both to annoy their Fort, and burn their Veffels in the Harbour; and this render'd them so very tractable and obsequious to his De-

mands.

When he arriv'd at *Bombay*, which was on the Third of *November*, 1684. he was inform'd, that one *Richard Keigwin* had, the Year before his Arrival, usurp'd the Government, imprison'd the Governor, Mr. *Charles Ward*, and broke in upon the Charter

Charter of the East-India Company; granting Liberty of Trade to all the Parts of India, Arabia, and Persia; and granted Passes to the Ships Trading in those Parts; a Copy of one of which is this: VIZ.

VIVAT REX.

To all Kings, Princes and Governors of Countries, Commanders of Ships, or Others, the wellaffected Friends of the most Potent King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

" CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, &c. doth, by His Honourable Governor, Richard Keigwin, Efq; grant and give Free Liberty of Trade, to all his Subjects belonging to the Port and Island of Bombay; and to Navigate their Ships to all Ports and Parts of India, Persia, and Arrabia, &c.

"There-

'Therefore, Captain Henry Gary, Mer-'chant, and Freeholder of Bombay, Own-'er of the Good Ship Ruparrel, whereof 'goes Pedro Domell Commander; has this 'Pass in His Majesty's Name, from his 'faid Honourable Governor.

'That all Kings, Princes, and Gover-'nors of Dominions, Countries and Pro-'vinces, and Ports, give the faid Ship, 'Commanders and Merchants, free and 'friendly Permission, to have free Ingress 'and Egress, in and out of their Domini-'ons, Countries and Ports, as they are 'His Majesty of Great-Britain's Subjects; 'receiving them kindly and courteously, 'upon Payment of the Lawful and Usual 'Customs, and other Duties of the Ports, 'this Ship may touch at; and granting 'the said Commanders and Merchants 'thereof, to have all Right of Navigati-'on, Traffick and Commerce. 'Courteous Civilities will be most accepta-'ble to His most Serene Majesty of Great-'Britain, and always thankfully acknow-'ledg'd by his Subjects.

'That

'That all Ships, Vessels or Boats, be'longing to any Kings or Princes, His Ma'jesty's Royal Friends, this Ship shall at
'any Time or Place meet with, suffer her
'to pass without Seizure, Molestation, or
'Trouble, not offering any Abuse or Inci'vility to the said Ship, Goods, or Per'sons on Board; but aid and assist her in
'all Cases of Want, Hazard, or Danger.
'Which Friendly Usage from Comman'ders of such Ships, Vessels or Boats, will
'demonstrate their well-affected Amity to
'His Majesty of Great-Britain, and en'gage his Subjects to a perpetual Conserva'tion of the same with them.

'These are requested and desir'd from all Kings, Princes and Governors, and Commanders of Ships, during the Term of this Pass, which is for One whole Year, commencing from January the 1st, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Three. Given under my Hand and Seal, with His Majesty's Union-Seal, at His Majesty's Fort of Bombay, Jan. 1. 1683.

RICHARD KEIGWIN.

J. Thorburn, Secretary.

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Thus, under the Specious Pretence of Loyalty, the pretended Governor, and his Adherents, skreen'd the most Execrable Villany, difguiz'd their detestable Rebellion, under the Name of Duty and Obedience, and traiterously made use of His Majesty's Authority, to patronize their

Revolt and Usurpation.

And therefore, he fairly represented to them, not only the Heinous Proceedings they had engag'd in, and the desperate Folly they had committed, but the direful and fatal Consequences that would attend all such unlawful and destructive Attempts. This Representation startl'd them into a Pannick Distrust of their unhappy Condition, and put them into such an amazing Fear, as made them dread the same Fate that several of them had undergone.

For the Governor, Mr. Ward, was inclin'd to profecute them with Severity, only he interpos'd with him by Mildness and gentle Perswasions, rather to propose a Pardon to them, upon their Laying down their Arms, and returning to their Obedi-

ence.

He also engag'd his Interest and Application, for Procuring them a Pardon from

the King, and the Company.

Upon this, they drew up feveral Articles relating to their full and absolute Pardon, and a Freedom from all Law-Suits and Molestations, upon the Account of their preceding Mutiny and Disturbance.

These Articles he willingly sign'd, and afterwards took Possession of the Fort and Castle of *Bombay*, *November* the 20th. 1684. And then muster'd all the Officers

and Soldiers in his own Name.

For he was empower'd by the Pressident and Council of *Surat*, to treat with the Mutineers, and make what Amicable Agreement and Conclusion with them he was able.

He was forc'd to continue the Government upon himself for Ten Weeks, till Mr. Charles Zinzan arriv'd from Surat, from whence he was sent by the General to succeed him.

The Occasion of this Rebellion, which he has given an Account of, was this. Mr. Boucher, who had been employ'd by the Company, was turn'd out of their Service; and living at Surat, made his G House

House a Receptacle for the Interlopers, who found him very serviceable to their Occasions and Necessities.

At the same time also, one Mr. Petit was turn'd out of his Employment under the Company; and being both of them therefore disassected to the Company's Affairs, encourag'd this Disobedience in Keigwin and his Followers, and animated their Defection.

This Petit bought a Ship at Bombay, and fitted her out, under the Protection of the Rebels. But as he was Sailing to visit Boucher at Surat, the Sanganians met with him near the High Land of St. John's, and wounded him so dangerously, that he afterwards dy'd, and his Ship was blown up, and all her Lading destroy'd.

The Day before this Action happen'd, Sir *Thomas* was Sailing from *Surat*, in order to reduce *Bombay*. Which as foon as, by the good Providence of God, he did, and had taken Possession of it, he found mounted on the Fort 114 Pieces of Cannon, and in it 600 Barrels of Powder, with all other Things necessary for a long Defence, and 500 Officers and Soldiers in Pay.

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Keigwin, who was more fensible of his Danger than the rest, he prevail'd upon sooner to surrender himself, and also to deliver him 12 Bags of Gold, which they had taken out of the Ship Return, and

which he put on Board his own.

While Keigwin and He were making Proposals to the rest, they his'd at them, and with loud Exclamations, cry'd, No Governor, but Keigwin; and if he will not hold, we will confirm another. And had not the Good Providence of God prevented his Destruction, he had fallen very cowardly murther'd by the Hands of one Harwood, a Soldier. For this Fellow, in the Crowd, presented a Pistol loaden with a Brace of Bullets to his Back; which Captain Henry Fletcher seeing, he took hold of it, and diverted the malicious, fatal Stroke.

To fecure to Captain Keigwin, and the rest of the Seditious, an Exemption from the Punishment they justly deserv'd, Sir Thomas willingly yielded, and surrender'd himself Hostage to them, till such Time as Sir John Child, who was then at Surat, and General of India, should sign, ratify, and confirm the Pardon which was propos'd to them. Which accordingly was

done in a little time afterwards, to the great Satisfaction of the Criminals.

About this Time, there was an English Ship seiz'd and taken by the Portugueze, and carried into Bassene, an Island not far distant from Bombay. Which, as soon as he heard of, he sent this following Letter to the Captain-General of the Portugueze for the North.

Bombay-Fort, *Nov.* 24. 1684.

SIR,

I Understand by a Letter receiv'd from Bassene, that you, or some of your Ships, have seiz'd and taken a Ship belonging to my Master the King of England's Subjects, living at Maderas. Which Ship I left at Muscat, with Directions to Sail after me to Bombay, or Surat. I much wonder how you dare do such ill Things, and likewise give so great an Affront to His most Sacred Majesty, my King. Sir, If you do not forthwith, upon Sight bereof, clear and discharge the said Ship, making full Satisfaction for all Damages the Own-

ers and Commanders have sustain'd by you; Know, that I will come, and fetch Her out of your Harbour, and perhaps shake Hands with you at Salset, which of Right belongs to my Master, who is King of these Seas, and whose Right I am in Duty bound to maintain in these Parts. So expecting a ready and friendly Compliance, or else you must take what will follow; because I know very well your Readiness to abuse and murder Englishmen. This from your Friend, if I find Cause, and whom you may oblige,

THO. GRANTHAM.

These Threats had so good an Effect upon the General, that they aw'd him into Justice and Civility, and forc'd him to quit his ill-gotten Prize.

Having thus manag'd the great Trust repos'd in him by the Honourable East-India Company, with that Fidelity and Care that became his Charge and Station, he took his Leave of India, and Sail'd back again for England.

Where,

Where, in a little time after his Return, his most Gracious Sovereign, the Late King James II. presented him with a Valuable Gold Chain and Medal, in Consideration of those Momentous Affairs, that he had manag'd abroad with such remarkable Success. And also he receiv'd, upon the same Account, a Noble Gratuity from the Honourable East-India Company.

For Great Minds are never unmindful of Great Services; but the more you endeavour to oblige them, the more you provoke them to out-do, even the most Meritorious Performances, by a Liberal

Compensation.

After the Departure of King James for France, and the Peaceable Settlement of King William and His Royal Confort in England, he was fworn One of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Chamber; and was appointed by the Earl of Dorset, then Lord Chamberlain, to attend in that Quality at the Coronation; and receiv'd this Order for that Purpose.

April the 6th. 1689.

SIR,

HI IS Majesty having appointed You to be One of His most Honourable Privy-Chamber in Ordinary, You are, by the Duty of your Place, particularly oblig'd to attend on His Royal Person, at his Coronation; which is to be on the Eleventh Day of April instant, at Westminster. You are therefore hereby requir'd to give your Attendance at that time, to go in the Proceedings, according to your Place and Quality. Thus I rest,

Your Affectionate Friend to Serve You,

DORSET.

To Sir Thomas Grantham.

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Towards the Conclusion of this same Year, he was also admitted and sworn into the Station of Esquire of the Body to His Majesty K. William, according to the Tenor of these Words:

These are to Certify whom it may concern, That by Virtue of a 'Warrant to me directed, from the Right 'Honourable CHARLES Earl of Dor-'set and Middlesex, Lord Chamberlain 'of His Majesty's Houshold; I have sworn 'and admitted Sir Thomas Grantham, Kt. 'into the Place and Quality of Esquire ' of the Body to His Majesty's Royal Per-'fon in Ordinary; to have and enjoy all 'Fees, Rights, Dues, Salaries, Profits, 'Perquifites, and all other Advantages 'whatfoever to that Place belonging, or 'any ways appertaining. In witness where-' of I have hereunto fet my Hand and Seal, 'this present 18th of September, A. D. ' 1689. in the First Year of Their Maje-'sties Reign.

Fleetwood Shepherd.

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These were the Dignities he was invested with under the Government of King William and Queen Mary, of Glorious and Immortal Memory.

And when Her Present Majesty ascended the Throne of Her Celebrated Ancestor's, to which Her Royal Virtues, had the Kingdom been Elective, like Poland, would have entitl'd Her, without Defcent, by a General Approbation; he was admitted by the Right Honourable the Earl of Fersey, then Lord Chamberlain, into the Place and Quality of One of the Gentlemen of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Chamber, the 17th of April, in the First Year of Her Reign. Which, if it still goes on with those progressive Marks of Glory and Renown, with which Providence has fignaliz'd its Beginning, it will be as much the Admiration of future Ages, as it is the Joy and Triumph of the present. And were it not that her Government has been ruffl'd with the Disturbance of a Foreign War, and those mischievous Consequences that attend it, the Reign of Queen ANNE would be in other Terms the Golden Age, and H Peace Peace would have vy'd with Plenty. But notwithstanding the Neighb'ring Disturber of our Peace, She has been highly instrumental in producing a very useful and pleasant Harmony out of Discord, of Confederating different Perswasions Abroad, and Uniting, as much as possible, dissonant Parties at Home, into a League of persect Amity and Friendship.

And that the Families of such who have merited well of their King and Country, might receive some Credit and Satisfaction, from the Brave and Publick Performances of their Predecessors, and share in the Reputation of them; he has had the Privilege of an Addition made to his Paternal Coat of Arms, upon the Account of those Serviceable and Adventurous Actions that are mention'd in this History: Which I shall conclude with the Draught of a Warrant, from the Right Honourable the Lord Marshal, to Garter and Clarenceux, Kings of Arms, for making Additions to the Arms, and Alteration in the Crest, of Sir Thomas Grantham, Knight.

'Where-

THereas Sir Thomas Grantham, of Batavia-House, within the Pa-'rish of Sonbury, in the County of Mid-'dlesex, Knight, One of the Gentlemen 'in Ordinary of Her Majesty's most Ho-'nourable Privy-Chamber, and Efquire for 'the Queen's Body at Her Royal Coronati-'on; in both which Stations he likewise 'ferv'd the late King William and Queen 'Mary, of Glorious and Immortal Me-'mory; having also been One of the 'Directors of Greenwich Hospital, from 'its First Foundation; has humbly repre-'fented unto me, That He, and his Fa-'ther, Mr. Thomas Grantham, of Bissiter, 'alias Burncester, in Com. Oxon. (who 'lost his Life at the Siege of Oxford, An. ' 1645, in the Cause of the Royal Mar-'tyr) have commonly us'd these Arms; 'viz. Ermin a Griphon Rampant, Gules, 'beak'd and member'd, azure; and for 'their Crest, on a Wreath, a Moor's, or 'Saracen's Head, Coup'd Proper; which 'were, as he conceives, the Arms born 'by his Grandfather, Mr. Richard Grant-' ham, a Descendant of the Ancient Fa-H 2 'mily 'mily of Grantham in Lincolnshire: Pray'ing me to issue my Warrant to some of
'the Kings of Arms, for making such Ad'ditions to the said Coat, and Alteration
'in the Crest, as may most properly de'note, and preserve in Memory, some Ne'table Exploits he has perform'd for his
'Prince and Country, as well as distin'guish him and his Posterity, from all
'others of that Name or Family.

'And forasmuch as the said Sir Thomas' Grantham, being Master of the Ship Edward and Jane of London, was, by 'Commission from Sir William Berkley, Kt. 'Governor and Captain-General of Virginia, dated the Second of April, 1673. 'as One of the Ablest Commanders, constituted and appointed Admiral of a Fleet of Merchant-Men, consisting of 25 Sail, 'from thence; which, in those Times of 'Danger, occasion'd by the War with the 'States-General of the United Provinces, 'he convey'd safe Home.

'And making another Voyage thither 'in the Ship *Concord*, a Vessel of 500 'Tons, carrying 32 Guns, and between 'Forty 'Forty and Fifty Men; upon his Arrival 'there, Anno 1676, finding the Country 'in open Rebellion, fomented by Mr. Na-'thaniel Bacon, and other turbulent Spi-'rits, who had taken Arms, and not only 'forc'd the Governor, Sir William Berk-'ly aforemention'd, with most of the 'Council and Chief Inhabitants, to fly to 'a Place call'd Accomack, on the North 'Side of Cape-Henry; but, in Contempt 'of His Majesty's Authority, burnt the 'House where the Publick Assembly and 'Courts of Juftice are held, at James-'City: He, the faid Sir Thomas Grant-'bam, in Pursuance of his Duty, ap-'prov'd himself to be a Man worthy of 'fingular Esteem, for his very prudent 'Conduct; having, by means of a per-'fonal Acquaintance, formerly between 'him and some of the principal Officers 'among the Rebels; at the utmost Hazard 'of his Life, with exceeding great Ho-'nour and Fidelity, fo fuccessfully trans-'acted Matters, as partly by Perswasion, 'and partly by Compulsion and Strata-'gem, to reduce that Colony to their just 'Allegiance, and entirely Resettle the Go-'vernment on its former Basis. For which extra'extraordinary Service, his Sacred Maje-'fty King *Charles* the Second most graci-'ously bestow'd upon him, at his Return 'to *England*, a Noble Donative.

'In which faid Ship, the Concord, Sail-'ing again for Virginia, he was, the 25th 'of October, 1678, about 120 Leagues 'from the Land's-End, attack'd by Cana-'ry a Spanish Renegado, and Admiral of 'the King of Algiers, in a new Frigot 'of 48 Guns, call'd the Rose, carrying 'upwards of 600 Men; and defended 'himself with such undaunted Courage 'and Bravery, that altho' he had only 22 'Guns, and 50 Men, including the Paf-'fengers, after Two or Three Hours sharp 'Dispute, having been Thrice boarded 'by the Barbarians; who, enrag'd be-'cause they could not get the Mastery, 'fir'd him on the Quarter, and the 'Mizon-Yard being shot down, fir'd the 'Sail; which burnt very vehemently, 'and immediately fet all the latter Part 'of the Ship on Fire; yet he still con-'tinued his Fight, keeping the Round-'House and Cuddy, till oblig'd by the 'Heat to retire, (all that Accompanied 'him, 'him, being either Kill'd or Wounded,) 'and then getting down into his great 'Cabin and Steerage, Sallied out with those 'that were there; refolving rather to pe-'rish in the Flames, than yield: But in 'the Interim, the Turk's Fore-Sail hanging 'in the Brails over the *Concord*'s Poop, and 'taking Fire, he would fain have got off; 'which the faid Sir Thomas Grantham en-'deavouring to prevent, by fetching down 'with fmall Shot, as many as run up to 'cut him clear, until his Sails, Masts, 'Shrouds and Yards, were all in a Blaze, 'when cutting the Enemy loofe, prefently 'their Mast to the Deck went by the 'Board, with many Men in its Top, and 'his bloody Flag; feveral of the Crew 'betaking themselves to their Boats. How-'ever, at last, both Sides overcoming the 'Fire, and there being little or no Wind, 'Admiral Canary, with the Help of his 'Oars, Row'd, till he was out of Shot, 'otherwife possibly, many Christian Slaves 'might have been Releas'd. But having 'lost abundance of his Men, and the next 'Morning it proving a small Gale, he stood 'away, and left Sir Thomas to pursue his 'Course; whose fignal Behaviour in this 'despe-

' desperate Engagement, justly gain'd him 'the highest Reputation and Applause: 'Infomuch, that his faid Majesty, out of 'a Princely Regard to fuch transcendent 'Valour, gave him a Gold Chain and 'Medal of great Value. And afterwards, 'as a distinguishing Testimony of his ha-'ving given fuch Proofs of his Abilities, 'Courage and Loyalty, upon these several 'Occasions, which deferv'd to receive all 'fitting Encouragement, was pleas'd, as 'a Mark of his Royal Favour to him, by 'special Mandat, under the Signet and 'Sign Manual, 3d of March, 1681, to 'recommend him in a most particular 'Manner, to the Governor and Company 'of Merchants Trading to the East-Indies; 'that he, and the Ship which he intended 'to Build, might be Entertain'd by them. 'Which Ship, being Built accordingly, 'Burthen 816 Tuns, carrying 64 Guns, 'and 300 Men, the faid King, and his 'Royal Highness the Duke of York, Lord 'High Admiral, &c attended by divers of 'the Nobility, did him the Honour to be 'present at the Lanching thereof, when 'His Majesty nam'd Her, Charles the Se-'cond. And as a farther Acknowledgment of 'of the faid Sir Thomas Grantham's Emi-'nent Deserts, Knighted him on Board 'the faid Ship at Deptford, the 18th of 'February, Anno 1682. After which, he 'obtain'd the East-India Company's Com-'mission, dated the 27th of July, 1683; 'empowering and authorizing him to in-'vade, and make War upon the King of 'Persia, and his Subjects, by Sea and 'Land; and to feize, and take any of the 'Ships and Goods, properly belonging to 'the faid King of Perfia, or any of his 'Subjects, in Reprizal for a Debt of 150 'Thousand Tomands, accruing to the 'Company, for a Moiety of the Cu-'ftoms of Gombroone, often without effect 'demanded; and which, among other An-'cient Privileges, they had been depriv'd 'of by the faid King of Persia's Mini-'fters: tho' it was stipulated, and grant-'ed to them formerly, in Confideration of 'the English Blood and Treasure, spent in 'Affifting his Predecessors, Kings of Per-' sia, in Taking the Island Ormus from the 'Portugueze, which in those Times de-'priv'd the Empire of all Trade. 'with Instructions, in the first place, to 'Sail to St. Helena, and during his Stay 'there,

'Streights of Sanda, near Bantam; first 'Standing into a small Bay, at the South

'Side of the West End of Java.

'In one of which Places, in meeting with some of the Company's Ships, then bound out for Bantam, under the Command of Sir John Wetwang, or of Captain John Nicholson; if Sir John Wetwang was present, He, the said Sir Thomas Grantham was to Command as Vice-Admiral; but if absent, as Admiral of the said Fleet; and thence to proceed upon the Persia Voyage, with one of their Sloops in his Company, if it should be so thought convenient at a Council of War, &c.

'All which Powers and Directions he fo happily executed, as to acquire from the King of *Persia*'s Agents, for the Company, about 400 Thousand Pounds in Money, at Two Payments, and full Restitution of their Ancient Rights, with other Advantages of Commerce.

'And

'And moreover, took Possession in the King's Name, on their Behalf, of *Hip-* 'pons, alias *Princes-Isle*, inhabited by a 'People dependant on 'Java; giving it the Name of Carolus Secundus Isle.

'Nor was he less Successful in Serving 'the Company, on his Arriving at Bom-'bay. For, Coming to an Anchor in the 'Bay, November the 3d, 1684, and recei-'ving Intelligence, that a Revolution 'had been made the 27th of December, 'the Year preceding, by one Richard 'Keigwin, and his Abettors; who, usurp-'ing the Government, imprison'd Mr. 'Charles Ward, their Governor, there; 'and granted free Liberty of Trade to 'all His Majesty's Subjects belonging to 'that Port and Island, and to Navigate 'their Ships to all Parts and Ports of In-'dia, Persia, and Arabia, &c. with all 'Right of Navigation, Traffick, and Com-'merce; contrary to the Royal Charter of 'the King's most Excellent Majesty, bear-'ing Date the 3d of April 1661, & 13. ' Regni sui, appropriating to the Company 'the entire Trade of the East-Indies, and I 2 ' decla'declaring, that the Ports, Cities, Towns 'and Places thereof, should not be traded 'unto, visited, frequented, or haunt-'ed by any of His Majesty's Subjects, 'without their Licence, &c. He, the 'faid Sir Thomas Grantham, lay by, till 'he fecur'd, and cut off Twenty two of 'their Ships and Veffels, laded with Pro-'visions and Merchandize; and then 'Landing the 20th of November, with '250 Men, in the Night, furpriz'd the 'Castle and Fort, which had 114 Pieces 'of Cannon mounted, making himself 'Master thereof. Whereupon he reliev'd 'the aforesaid Mr. Ward from his Confine-'ment, retriev'd to the Value of 12 Thou-' fand Pounds of the Company's Treasure, 'that had been treacherously seiz'd in the 'Ship Return, and without Effusion of 'Blood, reclaim'd both Soldiers and Inha-'bitants to their due Obedience, by the 'feasonable Offer of Indemnity, and a 'general Pardon; which he afterwards 'procur'd to be ratified, confirm'd, and 'fign'd on Board the Charles the Second, 'at the River's Mouth of Surat the 2d of 'February, 1684, by the Honourable ' John Child, fince created Baronet, Pre-'fident of India, &c.

'And

'And the faid Sir *Thomas Grantham* 'having, while he stay'd in the said Port of 'Bombay, exercis'd the Office of Gover'nor of the Castle, Fort, and Island, with 'much Prudence and Integrity, render'd 'it up to the Person, whom the aforesaid 'President, and Council of the *Indies* did 'nominate to that Command.

'And upon his Coming Home, receiv'd of the Gift of his most Gracious Sove'reign and Master, the late King James'
the IId, a very Valuable Gold Chain and Medal, as an Evidence of his Favourable Acceptance of this Remarkable Service; besides a considerable Present from the Honourable East-India Company, out of their Grateful Sense of his having so faithfully and effectually discharg'd the several important Trusts, committed by them to his Management.

'I HENRY, Earl of Suffolk and Bin-'don, &c. One of the Lords of Her Ma-'jefty's most Honourable Privy Council, 'and Deputy (with the Royal Approbati-'on) to his Grace, Thomas Duke of Nor-'folk, Earl Marshal, and Hereditary 'Marshal of England, seriously weighing 'the Premises, do hereby therefore order 'and appoint you to make fuch Additions 'to the faid Coat, and Alteration in the 'Crest of the said Sir Thomas Grantham, 'Knight, as may fitly perpetuate his Me-'rit, and (after my Approbation) to af-' fign the same in usual Form to him, and 'his Posterity, to distinguish them ac-'cordingly. Requiring you to take Care 'that my faid Approbation, together with 'these Presents, and the Instrument and ' Pattent for fuch Additions and Alterati-'ons, be enter'd by the Register in the 'College of Arms. For all which this 'shall be your sufficient Warrant. 'under my Hand and Seal, the of in the Tenth Year of the 'Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, by 'the Grace of God, Queen of Great Bri-'tain, France, and Ireland, Defender of 'the Faith, &c. Annog; Domini, 1711.

To Sir Henry St. George, Kt. Garter, Principal King of Arms; and John Vanbrugh, Esq; Clarenceux, King of Arms. I Do hereby upon Oath attest, that the Facts herein contain'd, relating to my Self, are true; And that the other Matters, here represented, are agreeable to the Informations, given by my Mother, and Others.

Tho. Grantham.

Jurat. 10. Julij 1711. coram me,

Jo. MELLER.

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